Abstract Submission for 2017 NAAMLP Conference

SMCRA Title IV Fee Reauthorization: Community Outreach Efforts¹

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With the end of the current SMCRA Title IV fee collection slated for 2021, the non-profit community in Pennsylvania has been gearing up for re-authorization efforts. NGOs working on AMD/AML issues in Pennsylvania have a long history of working cooperatively with government and industry for environmental improvement. Our current campaign to reauthorize SMCRA's Title IV fee collection is one example of how our partnerships will work for the common good.

The Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation is a member of the Pennsylvania AML Campaign, a coalition of Pennsylvania environmental organizations working to secure re-authorization. WPCAMR will share techniques for past and present SMCRA Title IV re-authorization outreach. WPCAMR showcased an AML Campaign Toolkit including a website, commercial and paper publications at the 2016 NAAMLP Conference. For the 2017 NAAMLP Conference, WPCAMR would like to debut a longer-length film to accompany the AML Campaign Toolkit. In addition, WPCAMR will present ideas for developing cooperative partnerships between your governmental agency and citizen's groups based on surveys and interviews of individuals and organizations involved in PA's successful watershed movement over the past two decades.

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